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Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer additional comment following your hearing on the Capital Master Plan (CMP).

President Bush and Secretary Rice have been leading proponents of greater transparency and oversight at the United Nations. At their direction, senior levels of the Department, including Ambassador Bolton, have pressed for management reforms as a key priority and will continue to do so.

As part of this effort, the Department has insisted the UN take steps to bring transparency and strong internal controls to the CMP. In our letter dated June 20, 2006, we outlined some of the positive steps Under Secretary General Chris Burnham has taken to address our concerns, but there is no question this will need to be an on-going effort. Although we believe the serious safety risks presented by the UN facilities make it necessary to move forward with this project, we continue to stress the need for strong oversight and transparency and to closely monitor the project's implementation. We value your support for that effort.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey T. Bergner".

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